

**U.S. District Court**  
**District of Columbia (Washington, DC)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-01440-EGS**

WITTES et al v. U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Assigned to: Judge Emmet G. Sullivan  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 05/17/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/17/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6131305) filed by BENJAMIN WITTES, SCOTT ANDERSON. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Exhibit A, # <u>3</u> Exhibit B, # <u>4</u> Exhibit C, # <u>5</u> Exhibit D, # <u>6</u> Exhibit E, # <u>7</u> Summons FBI Summons, # <u>8</u> Summons Attorney General Summons, # <u>9</u> Summons U.S. Attorney Summons)(Berwick, Benjamin) (Attachment 1 replaced on 5/20/2019) (zef, ). (Entered: 05/17/2019)
05/20/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Emmet G. Sullivan. (zef, ) (Entered: 05/20/2019)
05/20/2019	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zef, ) (Entered: 05/20/2019)
05/29/2019	<u>3</u>	STANDING ORDER: The parties are directed to read the attached Standing Order Governing Civil Cases Before Judge Emmet G. Sullivan in its entirety upon receipt. The parties are hereby ORDERED to comply with the directives in the attached Standing Order. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 05/29/19. (Attachment: Exhibit 1) (mac) (Entered: 05/29/2019)

06/04/2019	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION served on 5/30/2019 (Berwick, Benjamin) (Entered: 06/04/2019)
06/04/2019	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 5/28/19. (Berwick, Benjamin) (Entered: 06/04/2019)
06/04/2019	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 5/28/2019. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 6/27/2019. (Berwick, Benjamin) (Entered: 06/04/2019)
06/27/2019	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.(Sroka, Scott) (Entered: 06/27/2019)
06/28/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Plaintiffs bring this action pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The parties are directed to meet and confer and propose a joint scheduling order for further proceedings in this case by no later than July 12, 2019. The parties joint proposed scheduling order shall address the following: (1) The status of plaintiffs' FOIA request; (2) The anticipated number of documents responsive to plaintiffs' FOIA request; (3) The anticipated date(s) for release of documents responsive to plaintiffs' FOIA request; (4) Whether a motion for an Open America stay is likely in this case; (5) Whether a Vaughn index will be required in this case; (6) Whether this case would benefit from referral to a Magistrate Judge or the District Court Mediation Program for purposes of settlement; and (7) A proposed briefing schedule for dispositive motions, if applicable. If the parties are unable to agree on a joint recommendation, the joint proposed scheduling order shall include each party's individual recommendations. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 6/28/2019. (lcegs3) (Entered: 06/28/2019)
06/28/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Scheduling Order due by 7/12/2019. (mac) (Entered: 06/28/2019)